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**Letter from R[obert] U[nderwood] J[ohnson] to John Muir, 1914  
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Please - have you seen the life of Casan  
 (2 volumes) by William Roscoe Thayer? It  
 is a fine piece of work and he is much  
 talked of for the next literary members of the  
 Academy along with Cass Gilbert the architect  
 of the Woodworth Building & many others fine  
 structures. No mention will you go out  
 with Gilbert.

The Century people are to follow  
 and we're going to make a fine oil  
 mass of things. They  
 surprised me. I  
 Casan and tried  
 to see the original  
 but we were informed  
 it was too far  
 to go. They have  
 one good man in the  
 director and the  
 author's opinions are  
 out. It is a sorry  
 vindication for me.

Dear Mr. T.  
 I am sorry  
 for your new, if  
 you don't like it.

How are you  
 What is the status  
 of the Farmer's pro-  
 test against the sketch-  
 book wickedness? Has the  
 latter been enjoined?

Here are some lines  
 I wish you to see -  
 my protest against the  
 Kaiser's death which every  
 body here abhors except the Germans.  
 I am home for the  
 season, being very well and  
 hard at work at the problem of  
 three meals a day. Things are

but the war has cost me dearly and has  
 cost the Academy enormous money. I am buying a little life  
 but the Academy is not in work in my opinion  
 better with me in work in my opinion  
 better with me in work in my opinion



Sept. 6, 1914.

Dear Muir:

How are you? What is the status of the farmers' protest against the Hetch Hetchy wickedness? Has the latter been enjoined?

Here are some lines I wish you to see -- my protest against the Kaiser's deviltry which everybody here abhors, except the Germans.

I am home for the season, being very well and hard at work at the problem of three meals a day. Things are better with me, but the War has cost me dearly and has postponed my work on the Academy endowment, though I am laying a little pipe.

The Century people by not following my policy and warning have made a financial mess of things. They dismissed my successor and tried to sell the magazine but were enjoined and compelled to reorganize. They have one good man in the directory and the amateur financiers are out. It is a sorry vindication for me!

Have you seen the Life of Cavour (2 volumes) by William Roscoe Thayer? It is a fine piece of work and he is much talked of for the next literary member of the Academy along with Cass Gilbert the Architect of the Woolworth Building and many other fine structures. Nominations will soon go out with ballots.

Faithfully thine and longing for good news of you.

R.U.J.

[Robert Underwood Johnson]